To Relieve the Sufferers in the Flooded Texas Country.

COMMISSIONERS CALL A MEETING

Will Be Held Tomorrow Evening in Masonic Temple.

SITUATION DESCRIBED

The District Commissioners have issued a call for a mass meeting to be held tomorrow evening in Masonic Temple, 9th and F streets northwest, when the question of providing immediate assistance to the flood sufferers of Texas will be considered. The announcements of the proposed meeting in the newspapers, the Commissioners hope, will be sufficient to attract all of those who feel a willingness to assist in this important philanthropic work.

Representative Hawley of Texas has had several conferences with the Commission ers and advised with them and asked their assistance in methodizing the collection of any contributions that may be generously offered with free will by the residents of the District. The outgrowth of these conferences was the decision to call a meeting that the people who are directly interested in the work may take it in hand.

The Need Pressing.

The need of money, food and clothing for the persons made homeless and without means of support is pressing and urgent. Texas is struggling hard to assist the people of the state, but it is said that in this great emergency the resources are not sufficiently available, and an appeal must be made to the generosity of the people of the

The lone star state is for once in deep distress and it is declared only the quickest possible response to her appeals will pre-vent the growth of the calamity, already

great.

The Commissioners issue this call to the residents of Washington believing there will be a spontaneous and hearty response from all classes and circles. The work peals, it is thought, to all who have protection of the fellow being at heart. John B. Wight, president of the board of District Commissioners, will be present at the Masonic Temple gathering tomorrow night and will call the meeting to order. A chairman will then be chosen by those in

To Secure Contributions.

If it be the pleasure of the meeting, a committee will be appointed to take the matter of securing contributions in charge, with full authority to act in the premises. There will be a proviso, however, to the effect that all contributions of money, clothing, food and supplies will be turned over to and distributed by the governor of Texas, or some one particularly designated by that official. This will, it is believed, avoid the dangers resulting from promiscu-ous giving, will convey the assistance to proper destinations through a methodical channel and be the means of doing the quickest and most effective good. Representative Hawley leaves tonight for New York to enlist the sympathetic help

of the great mass of people in the metropo-lis and neighboring cities. The work will be taken up at once in all the important cities, Washington doubtlessly leading the van in systematized municipal assistance.

Interesting Addresses Expected.

l'omorrow night's meeting will be called to order promptly at 8 o'clock. There will be addresses by Texans now living in Washington, but who are familiar with the conditions prevailing in the inundated territory. They will describe just what is the prevalent situation and will explain what ought to and will be done to temporarily provide for the army of persons made des-titute by the recent floods. From their knowledge of the formation of the country, of the resources and the results of expected of affairs in their native state. meeting will be one strictly of the peo-As yet the details have not been perfected, but they will be announced from time to time as decided upon by the Dis trict Commissioners and the prominent Texans who have the preliminary work in

Representative Hawley, in speaking to the Commissioners about the matter, said that Texas was able to care for her floodsufferers as Pennsylvania did for the residents of Johnstown, as Illinois did for Chicago in the great fire and as Massachusetts did for Boston. The aid requested from the outside is to tide over the present great emergency when the available ources are not sufficient to meet the de mand made upon them.

Harrowing Stories.

The emergency of the present is a great and deep one, Mr. Hawley says, and cannot be appreciated by persons unfamiliar with such experiences or conditions. The harrowing stories of distress and want are most appalling. When this first great demand for sustenance and clothing is met, Texas will gather her resources and pro-vide for her many impoverished people. In the country where the Texans are suffering forty-two inches of rain fell within period of sixty hours, an unprecedented ownpour as far as records show. is nothing on the books of the United States weather bureau to compare with such a precipitation. The area over which this great amount of rain fell is seventy-five miles long and fifty miles in breadth. The cotton crop, worth millions of dollars, was about to have been picked and placed upon the market. It was entirely ruined. Catle, horses and hogs were destroyed in The effect of the flood, it will be readily

seen, is far-reaching, but Texas is able to provide for the persons who have been deprived practically of a year's support. The resources for this are not immediately available, however, as stated, and meantime the neighboring cities of the country at large must be depended upon to prevent an increase in the extent of the calamity.

Texans Resident Here.

There are a large number of prominent Texans in Washington. Among those who have been consulted, or will be consulted, and who will be actively and earnestly interested in the work of assistance, are the following: Mr. William Terrell of the sixth auditor's office and Mrs. Terrell; William Low, Miss Dwyer, Claude J. Neis, Mrs. Andrews, Dr. Haynes, Miss Cooney, Edw. McCarthy, Capt. W. S. Scott, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Poole, Charles Tansill, J. D. Ennis, Rudo'ph Kleberg, H. Cordua, Messrs. Cleburne, Gannon, Cooper, Lee, Hall and Mrs. F. W. Garner.

The colored Texans residing in the city The colored Texans residing in the city and who will be interested in the work are: Leo Turner, Dr. J. H. Johnson, Charles Asbury, N. W. Cuney, E. A. Patton, W. P. Patterson, J. W. Ross, E. Knight, E. L. Scott, Mr. Switzer, G. W. Johnson, H. C. Johnson, Dr. W. E. Hamilton and Mr. Blackshear Most of these are employed in the various government departments.

Representative Hawley's Account. Representative Hawley, who has just come from the flooded region, has prepared the following statement of the appalling conditions existing in that section, and an

appeal for aid for the sufferers: "The disaster which has overtaken the communities in southern Texas is without communities in southern Texas is without parallel in our country. At some points the precipitation was three and one-half feet in sixty hours, resulting in a flood of enormous proportions, covering an area of many thousand square miles to a depth in some places of twenty feet, and a loss of from \$25,000,000 to \$46,000,000.

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No less than twenty populous towns have been inundated, as well as thousands of well-established and well-ordered farms which, today, are in a complete state of desolation. Practically every work animal—every milk cow, together with all stock and every vestige of vegetation, have been swent away leaving the country comstock and every vestige of vegetation, have been swept away, leaving the country completely devastated. Within the influence of this awful disaster resided over 100,000 people, almost half of whom are in a state of helplessness today, except as they may be provided for by those who are generous and able to assist them.

Relief Measures. "The whole state of Texas is alive to the

AID ASKED FOR situation, and is doing its utmost to relieve the suffering. It is, however, impossible for the state alone, within the time necessary, to succor these people and come to their relief. When the great Johnstown flood occurred Pennsylvania could have easily taken care of its own if given time, but as time was, as it is now, the essential factor, it was obliged to appeal to a generous public in every part of the Union, and from every quarter the relief was immediate on a scale commensurate with the disaster.

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"To this public the flood district of Texas appeals, today, to supply the necessaries of life until the horrors of the flood shall have passed, and the people shall be in a position to again address themselves to the task of re-establishing their homes. for the task of re-establishing their nomes. For this purpose it is urged through the press, to the different commercial bodies and municipal authorities of every city of the Union, that this appeal be answered. For the distribution of this relief a system is being organized throughout the flooded district immediately under the direction of the sovernor of Tevas to whom all contrithe governor of Texas, to whom all contributions should be addressed, at Austin, Tex., and under whose care every dollar will be judiciously and effectively ex-

Miss Strong, Mr. Hawley's secretary, has called a meeting of ladies of Texas resi-dent in Washington for 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, at Room 8, 1517 H street, Mr. Hawley's offices, to devise means of extending help.

CAMPAIGN CIRCULARS

New Hampshire Postmasters Testify to Receiving Them.

Robinson of Concord Causes Surprise in His Testimony at the Gallinger Civil Service Investigation.

CONCORD, N. H., July 12.- The hearing in connection with charges of violating civil service laws against Senator Jacob H. Gallinger preferred by former Gov. Charles A. Busiel was continued today. Only two witnesses had responded to the invitation of the commissioners to be present at today's session. They were Postmasters Henry Robinson of Concord and H. A. Spaiding of Nashua. Their testimony was to the effect that campaign circulars asking for assessments for campaign purposes had been sent out as alleged in the charges. Before any witnesses were heard Senator Gallinger asked permission to make a personal statement, in which he called attention to alleged untruthful statements made in the editorials of a Concord paper and in dispatches from Concord to a New York paper.

Produced the Circular.

Following this the witnesses were called. Pestmaster Robinson stated that he received one of the assessment circulars. He was asked if he had the circular in his pessession, and, replying that he had, produced it and gave it to the commissioners,

who filed it away. This incident caused considerable surprise.

Mr. Robinson then said that he had mentioned the fact of receiving the circuiar to Scrator Chandler, and upon the advice of that gentleman had sealed it up, and he had shown it to be one until this time. had shown it to no one until this time He was asked to contribute \$100, he said and he wrote to the civil service commission, asking it as to his ability to con-tribute under the law. He was informed that he could not contribute. Copies of the cerrespondence between Mr. Robinson and the commission were introduced as part of the evidence, and Mr. Robinson closed his testimony by stating that he did not con-

Postmaster Spalding Received One. Postmaster Spalding was chairman of the republican state committee in 1896. He stated that he received one of the circulars on which the charges in this case are based, but that he did not contribute. When chairman of the state committee, he said he personally signed the assessment circulars which were sent out, but none were sent to federal office holders except to senators, representatives and judges of the federal courts No other witnesses being available, the

hearing at this point took a recess until 1 p.m. Senator Gallinger's Denial.

The statements referred to by Senator Gallinger were that the present charges are based upon the finding of a letter in Concord addressed to a man in Rye, N. H., containing a check for \$100,000 and instructions to use the sum "circumspect y" among

the indifferent voters of Rve. It was also claimed that the check was signed by Senator Gallinger. This the senator denied. The incident is not connected with this hearing, and Senator Gailinger tatement was not made a part of

NAVAL OFFICERS' PAY.

Entitled to Higher Rate From the Date of Taking Office.

In the claim of Lieutenant Commander Thomas H. Stevens, U. S. N., for pay as lieutenant commander from date he took rank, the controller of the treasury has decided: "An officer of the navy promoted in course to fill a vacancy in the next higher grade is entitled to pay of the higher grade only from the date of the vacancy he is en titled to fill if he takes rank from that time, and not from the date of a prior vacancy which was kept open for him, but which he was not entitled to fill, because of failure to pass the required examination " The controller says that on February 2, 1895, a vacancy occurred in the grade lieutenant commander, and Lieutenant Stevens being No. 1 was entitled to the promotion. He was nominated to fill the vacancy and confirmed by the Senate a month later. Lieutenant Stevens failed to pass the required examination A year later, however, he passed examination and was commissioned. During the year the vacancy was held open

CRUISE OF THE CHICAGO.

St. Helena Will Be the Warship's Next Stopping Place.

The arrival of the cruiser Chicago at Cape Town, South Africa, has been reported to the Navy Department. Admira Howison has remained inland and is now at Johannesburg, whence he will go to Cape Town to join the cruiser. From Cape Town the Chicago will cross the South Atlantic to Rio Janeiro, stopping en route at St. Helena. A notice was posted at the Navy Department today that all mail for the officers and crew of the Chicago shoul be addressed to Rio de Janeiro. The vesse will remain at the Brazilian capital about two weeks and then continue her voyage to New York, where she is due October 5

after a cruise of nearly 20,400 miles. TO ARM THE TROOPSHIPS.

Filipinos Said to Be Planning Attempts at Capture.

Arrangements have been made at the War Department for arming the government transports used in carrying troops and stores to and from the Philippines This action is said to be due to advices that the Philippine insurgents are planning to attack and capture any of these transports that fall in their way. Heretofore these ships have not had any means of de fense and were at the mercy of any small armed hostile vessel that could get within firing distance.

Although not alarmed at the reported intentions of the insurgents, the authorities deemed it the part of wisdom to supply the troopships with means of protection. Sixteen six-pounder guns have been secured from the Navy Department, and will be prepared at the Washington gun foundry for installation on the troopships. The plan is to place one or two of these six-pounders on each transport, and these will undoubtedly be sufficient to resist the attack of any edly be sufficient to resist the attack of any vessel that the Filipinos can secure.

Died Suddenly. About noon today Philip Briscoe, colored

sixty years old, of No. 1320 1st street southwest, was taken with a hemorrhage and died in a few minutes. Coroner Carr gave a certificate of death from natural causes.

there being eleven departments holding sessions in the afternoon, in addition to general sessions both morning and evening. Mrs. Heien Grenfell, state superintendent of public instruction of Colorado, read a paper in the general session bearing the suggestive title of "Quo Vadimus," which bore upon relations existing and which ought to exist between the school and the

Mr. L. Harvey, superintendent of public instruction of Wisconsin, in dealing with "fundamentals in teaching." struck a responsive note in outlining how far the individual freedom of the teacher is bounded by the organization of the school curricu-

Child Study to National University. In the several department sessions almost the entire gamut of education was discussed from child study through the kindergarten and grammar grades, the polytechnic and art branches, to the uitimate points of a business college curriculum on one hand and the university course on the other. In the initial stage of what in its entirety was a prolonged discussion of existing methods, child study was taken up as the link between the home and the school, and at the other end of the continuous line. President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University Dr. Nicholas M. Butler of Columbia University angaged in a discussion on the practicability of a national university, a question of the greatest interest and importance to educators as well as to cultured needly the wholest people throughout the country.

Specialized Studies Discussed. In addition to these various phases of educational effort, the highly specialized form of education adapted to the needs of the deaf, blind and feeble-minded has been under consideration; the physical education has not been neglected, and a patriotic tinge has been given to the proceedings by a discussion before the Herbart Society of a discussion before the Herbart Society of the significance of the frontier in American

SLOAN IN GREAT FORM. American Jockey Pilots Three Horses to Victory at Newmarket.

LONDON, July 12.-At Newmarket today Tod Sloan won a selling plate on Illogic. Rough Side was second and Merry Buck third. Six horses ran on the Suffolk stakes course (one mile four furlongs and twentyfive yards).

as the Spanish war, and is said to be near-ly sixty years of age. The policy is to send only young and vigorous men to the Phil-ippines and General Wheeler is the only exception to this rule. The betting was 11 to 10 against Illogic. The Duke of Devonshire's Vara won the July handicap of 500 sovereigns. A. L. Duncan's London was second and Lord William Beresford's Chinook, ridden by Sloan, was third.
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Sloan finished first on Caiman in the race
for the Zetland plate. Beam was second

and Damoeles third. The betting was 11 to 4 on Caiman.

A two-year-old selling plate was won by Mr. T. Jennings, jr.'s, bay colt Caerleon, by Junior Carlon-Queen Agnes. Soan rode Szanto, but was unplaced. Eighteen horses ran; distance, five furlongs and 142 yards. The betting was 7 to 2 against Szanto.

AMERICANS OUGHT TO WIN.

Opinion of a Cambridge Man on the International Athlette Match. LONDON, July 12.-President Hunter of the Cambridge University Athletic Club,

"Mr. Sherrili originated the idea of international college athletics with the suggestion that Oxford and Cambridge issue a chailenge. The sole reason for limiting it to Yale and Harvard was because they are considered above the suspicion of professionalism. We have received from them the greatest courtesy. There has been no hitch whatsoever during the negotiations. It has been a pleasing policy of give and take on both sides, with the happlest results. The meeting promises to be a keen struggle The Americans will probably win the sprints, and we ought to pull off the long events, as it is well known the Americans seldom run a good long race. Thomas and Burke in the 100 yards and quarter-mile, will take a lot of beating. Adams' haifmile is quite two seconds too good for our men. Fox may give Paget-Tomlinson trouble in the hurdles. Roch appears to have jumped quite two inches higher than Adair.

"On paper form the visitors appear to have a better chance and ought to win.
"Some of their performances are remarkable, but America is a long way off and some American journalists have vivid imaginat ons. One-fifth of a second appears to them inconsiderable, but on the tract it are correctly reported they will probably win." is a considerable quantity. If the

AFTER YEARS OF IDLENESS.

A Thousand Men Will Get Employment at the Pottstown Bridge Works. POTTSTOWN, Pa., July 12.-The shops of the Pottstown bridge works started active operations today, after years of idleness. The force which commenced work this morning will be steadily increased until the different departments are filled up with at least 1,000 hands. Work has commenced on an order for 10,000 tons of structural iron for the New York Ship Building Company, whose plant is about to be built at Camden, N. J. The order will keep the works busy for one year. It required one month to put the plant in condition for the resumption of work.

UNDERWRITERS TO PAY SALVAGE. Many Workmen on Their Way to

Overhaul the Paris. LONDON, July 12.-The salvage association says no specific sum has been agreed upon for the salvage of the American line steamer Paris, but that the wrecking companies will receive a stipulated percentage of the value of the steamer when placed in dry dock, the underwriters, of course, pay-

GLASGOW, July 12 .- A special train, having on board a large force of workmen, will leave here tonight for Southampton for the purpose of extensively overhauling the American line steamer Paris. It is said that a Clyde firm secured the contract, as it promised to effect the repairs more speed-ily than the American builders of the

PETITIONS FOR DIVORCE.

Reasons Given for Dissolving the Marriage Bonds in Two Cases. In a petition for divorce filed this afternoon by James T. Anderson against Bessie M. Anderson it is set forth that the parties were married September 13, 1894, in Baltimore, but returned immediately to this They lived together until July 13, 1895, when, Mr. Anderson charges, his wife deserted him. The solicitors for the petitioner are Messrs. Nauck & Nauck. Suit for maintenance was this afternoon instituted by Ada V. Koch against Anthony J. Koch. It is set forth by Mrs. Koch that by reason of the utter failure of her husband to support her she was forced to leave him March 2 last. John J. Dolan is the solicitor for Mrs. Koch.

Local Pensions Pensions were granted today to the fol-

owing residents of the District of Columbia: Albert Mure, \$8: supplemental, Fan-nie B. Haskins, \$2.

long letter to the government in reply to

the charges of Louis Havet, member of the

French Institute, who accompanied Mme.

Dreyfus to Rennes, who alleges that Drey-

fus was cruelly treated in his island prison.

The former minister says no one in 1806

questioned the justice of the verdict of the

Dreyfus court-martial; that in September,

1896, it was reported that an American

vessel was about to rescue the prisoner.

and there was some talk among the war

Hence M. Lebon became solicitous for the

afety of the prisoner and ordered Dreyfus

to be confined in his hut with double-lock-ed doors, but with a sentinel inside, until the hut was surrounded by a palisade, when the hut might be opened. The building of the palisade occupied longer than was ex-pected, but no harm to the health of the

prisoner was reported.

M. Lebon denies tampering with the correspondence of Dreyfus.

NO MORE LOCAL COMMISSIONS.

Col. Urell Would Have Been Appoint ed but for His Age.

Captain F. L. Graham and First Lieuten-

ant J. H. Griffiths, the two District boys

appointed to the volunteer army being or-

ganized for service in the Philippines, have

been assigned to the 27th Volunteer Infan-

try, commanded by Colonel J. F. Bell, with

headquarters at Camp Meade, Middletown,

Pa. Lieutenant Griffiths has been ordered

to report to Colonel Bell at Camp Meade

Captain Graham has been instructed to

open a recruiting office in this city for the

recruitment of men for the 27th Infantry.

He has secured quarters in the National

Guard armory and will begin operations at

once. This station is in addition to the reg-

ular recruiting stations at Washington bar-racks and at Fort Myer, which are in charge of officers of the regular army.

Adjutant General Corbin said today that

the appointment of Captain Graham and Lieutenant Griffiths completed the quota of the District of Columbia in the volunteer

given him a commission in the volunteer army but for his age. Colonel Urell is a veteran of the war of the rebellion, as well

as the Spanish war, and is said to be near

Captain Guy V. Henry, Jr.

Lieut. Guy V. Henry, jr., who has been

appointed a captain in one of the new vol-

unteer regiments, was graduated at West

Point over a year ago. At Chickamauga

he contracted styphoid fever and was un-

able to go to the front until last October.

first corporal and captain. Before going to West Point he served before the mast at sea and gained a knowledge of practical seamanship and steam engineering. He

has given up a good staff appointment to go into the field, and his friends say that if he is given the opportunity, he will main-

tain the high military standard reached by his father and grandfather.

A Cross for Capt. Vignal.

Capt. Paul Vignal, military attache of the

French embassy here, has received a dis-

patch from the war office in Paris inform-

ing him that he is to be among the officers

to receive the cross of the Legion of Honor

a notable distinction given each year to a

few officers, and among the list this year

is Major Marchand, the hero of Fashoda,

who received the rank of commander of the

Legion of Honor. The ceremony of con-

ferring these decorations will be one of the

notable features of the celebration in Paris

Friday, the entire military garrison being

assembled in review while the several offi-cers are called from the ranks to receive this special mark of distinction. In the

absence of Capt. Vignal the announcement as to him will be made publicly in the pres-

Receiving Protests.

The District Commissioners today granted

a hearing for the purpose of receiving pro-

tests against repair work recently ordered

throughout the city in the way of improved

pavements, the opening of alleys, laying of

sidewalks, etc. There were a number of

persons present at 11 o'clock, when the

hearing was announced to take place, but

with one exception all had come to speak

in favor of the work and to refute any ar-

guments in protest.

The single exception to the harmonious recting was Mr. R. V. Leahy, who objected to the paving with vitrified brick or asphalt block of the alley in square 536. This

alley Mr. Leahy said was in excellent san-itary condition and was paved with cobble-stones. It is very seldom used, he declar-

ed, and as an evidence of this grass eight-een inches in height might be seen growing

in it. The Commissioners took the protest

under consideration and the hearing ad-journed. Mr. Leahy also filed a written

Funeral of Miss Demaine.

The funeral of Miss Jennie Demaine, who

committed suicide Monday morning at her

home, No. 128 D street northwest, by in-

haling illuminating gas, as published in

Monday's Star, took place from her late home this afternoon. Her body was taken

to Alexandria and buried in the family lot

An Accident.

Mounted Policeman Hagan of the ninth

precinct telephoned to police-headquarters

this afternoon to have an ambulance sent

to the Deanwood crossing of the Pennsyl-

vania railroad. He stated that a colored

man had his leg broken on the crossing and he wanted him removed to a hospital. How the accident happened he did not state.

Found Dead.

A colored man named Thomas Kingman,

who lived at No. 616 17th street northwest,

was found dead'in bed'about 10 o'clock this

morning. The police were notified, and his

body was taken to the morgue. Coroner

Carr will view the body this afternoon and

Fire at Cumberland.

street owned by S. P. Sweltzer of Somerse

tenants, D. C. Vickroy's family, sustained

considerable loss, as the flames were con-fined to the upper stories. C. H. Perrin's cafe is on the first floor. Efficient work of firemen saved much valuable property.

Couldn't Furnish Batt.

Overman, who was arrested for passing

forged check, was brought to the Police Court this afternoon, where, at Prosecutor

Laskey's request, Judge Scott continued the case for ten days. Overman was held in \$2,000 ball, which he could not give, and he was committed to jail.

Steamship Arrivals

BREMEN, July 12.-Arrived, Kaiser Wil

helm der Grosse, from New York.

QUEENSTOWN, July 12.—Arrived, rania from New York for Liverpool.

Special Disputch to The Evening Star.

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ders as to the possibility of his escape.

lection of a design for the Washington public library building, which will be erected with funds donated by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the office of the District Commissioners. The commission is composed of Messrs. John W. Ross, John B. Wight, Lansing H. Beach, forming the board of District Commissioners; Theodore A. Bingham, the army officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, and Theodore W. Noyes, president of the library.

Messrs. Post and Van Brundt, president and ex-president, respectively, of the American Society of Architects, have been selected to represent the architects in the selection of plans. They will arrive in Washington Monday, when a final adjudg-ment will take place. The plans were open-ed this afternoon. They are very hand-

Twenty-four competitive designs have been received by the commission, including those submitted by the ten architects invited by the commission and fourteen by

outside architects.

The ten architects invited were Alden & Harlow, Henry Ives Cobb, Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, Hornblower & Marshall, Marsh & Peter, Fred D. Owen, Appleton P. Clark, jr., W. M. Poindexter, G. K. Thompson and Wyatt & Nolting.

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The unsuccessful among the invited architects will each receive the sum of \$250 in compensation of the labor of preparing plans. The competition will not be limited, however, to the ten invited architects. The judges of the competition will consider also the designs submitted by the architects. the designs submitted by the architects outside of those invited to compete, but these competitors, if unsuccessful, will receive no compensation. All of the drawings

will be returned to their authors after the final decision has been made. The architect or firm of architects whose design shall be adjudged most acceptable shall be employed as architect of the build-irg. The successful competitor is to hold himself in readiness to re-study and modify his plan, in details, in conformity with the wishes of the commission.

In accordance with the terms of the law,

the successful architect or firm of archi-tects will receive as full compensation for the designs, drawings and personal servarmy, and that no more appointments would be made from this city. The President has taken a personal interest in the case of Colonel Michael E. Urell of the District National Guard, and would have lee the sum of 3 per centum of the total cost of said building, including the fur-niture of which he will be expected to aid in the selection or design, but he will be relieved of all business other than that arising between himself and the office of construction. The officer in charge wil attend to all the business of superintend ence, contracting and payments.

Mr. Bernard R. Green of the Congressional Library has been appointed to take charge of the construction of the building.
The total cost of the building, complete,
with the exception of furniture, will be

THREE DIVORCE CASES.

Action Taken by the Court Today in Pending Suits.

Chief Justice Bingham, in Equity Court No. 1, today signed a decree granting Elizawhen he joined his father, Gen. Henry, as beth Battelle Vanderpoel a divorce from an aid in Porto Rico, and there did good John A. B. Vanderpoel. The former is also service. As a cadet he held the rank of given the custody of the child of the couple. A decree has also been signed by the chief justice allowing George W. Hess divorce from Marie E. Hess by reason of desertion on the part of the latter.

In the proceedings for divorce instituted by Decatur B. Treadway against Minnie V. Treadway, the court, by the same justice, has dissolved the bonds of matrimony uniting the parties.

ALLEGED GRAVE ROBBERS. Trial of John H. Marlowe Before

John H. Marlowe, colored, of 9th street noon before Judge Scott on the charge of robbing a grave in Woodlawn cemetery of the body of John S. Williams early in March 1806. It is alleged that the defendant was concerned with two other men in the crime, both of whom were sent to

Lieutenant John C. Daley of the 9th pre cinct station, who at the time of the affair was a sergeant and was detailed to capture the perpetrators of the robbery, told of the steps taken by him. He at the time suspected the defendant, but the latter managed to escape from the District and did not return to the city until a few days ago, when he was at once taken into

James A. Stepper and C. W. Guilford, em ployes of the Adams Express Company, identified the accused man as the one who brought a box containing Williams' body to the station on March 3, 1896, to be ship-

ped away from the city.

Martha Jones of 920 3d street southwest said that Marlowe lived at her house early in 1896 and left the city when his father was arrested for his part in the grave robwas arrested for his part in the grave rob-bery. Detective Muller, who went to Mrs. Jones' house to arrest the defendant, said that he and a brother officer who accom-panied him made the mistake of going at first to the wrong address, and that while they were at this place Marlowe sup-ped out of the back door of his own home and made his secane. and made his escape.
On cross-examination by Lawyer Jones
Detective Muller said he did not know
whether any efforts have been made during the past three years by the police authorities to capture Marlowe. Mr. Josepi: Shillington, who prosecuted Marlowe, said the government would rest

its case at this point. Mr. Jones asked for the discharge of the accused man on the ground that the war-rant did not show that Marlowe was

rant did not show that Marlowe was charged with a crime.

Mr. Jones also urged that the case was barred by the statute of limitations by reason of the fact that more than three years had elapsed between the date of the crime and the arrest of the prisoner, and he claimed that Marlowe has not been out of the District during that period.

Mr. Shillington opposed the request in a few remarks, and asked that Marlowe be held in \$500 bail. Judge Scott fixed the bond at that amount. This was not given, and Marlowe went to iail to await the ac-

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CAPT. T. M. WOODRUFF'S DEATH. Vellow Fever Ends a Most Creditable Army Career.

The adjutant general received a telegram his morning from Gen. Comba, at Boniaa, Cuba, saying that Capt. Thomas M. Woodruff, adjutant of the 5th Infantry, died at that place last evening of yellow fever. Capt. Woodruff was appointed a cadet at

the United States Military Academy Sepgive a certificate of death. Kingman nad been complaining of feeling unwell recent-ly, and it is believed that his death resulted from natural causes. tember 1, 1867, from the District of Columbia, and had a most creditable career in the army. His military record, as prepared at the War Department, is as follows: He joined his regiment September 29 1871, and served with it at Fort Scott Kansas, to July, 1872; in the field in Kansas to November 6, 1872; on leave to December 7, 1872; with regiment in the field in Kansas to April, 1873; at Fort Gibson, CUMBERLAND, Md., July 12.-Fire broke out in the three-story brick building on Mill county, Pennsylvania, this morning. The

in Kansas to April, 1873; at Fort Gioson, Indian territory, to June 13, 1874; on leave to August 7, 1874; with regiment at Fort Gibson, Indian territory, to October 22, 1875; on leave to November 22, 1875; with company at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to April 25, 1876; engaged in the survey of the headwaters of the Red river to July, 1876; with company in the field in Montana to headwaters of the Red river to July, 1876; with company in the field in Montana to August 30, 1876; on detached service at Fort Buford, Dakota, to October 17, 1876, and at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to November 11, 1876; on duty in the office of chief engineer, department of the Missouri, to April 1, 1877; with regiment in the field in Montana to October 12, 1877; at head-quarters, district of Montana, to January, 1878; with regiment at Fort Keogh, Montana, to September 24, 1878; escorting remains of Capt. Bennett to Waukesha. Wis, and on leave to August 11, 1879; with regiment at Fort Keogh, Montana, to May 29, 1881, on leave to September 27, 1881; with regiment at Fort Keogh, Montana, to May 28, 1882; on leave to September 26, 1882;

EDUCATORS IN CONFERENCE

Inauguration of the National Association
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The Entire Subject of Mental Training Being Considered in All
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Los Angeles, Cal., July 12.—Today the National Educational Association convention be a settled down to steady, hard work, long letter to the government in reply to long letter to the government in

In the Santiago campaign as inspector general of Gen. Shafter's staff to July 13,

and of Gen. Bates' division to September 17, 1898; on sick leave to November, 1898; inspector general, 2d Division, 2d Corps, to April, 1899. He rejoined the 5th Infantry May 21, 1899; was appointed adjutant of the regiment May 22, and died at Boniata, Cuba,

of yellow fever July 11, 1899.

He reached the grade of captain, 5th Infantry, in March, 1891, and was appointed major and inspector general of volunteers in May, 1898, being honorably discharged from the volunteer army in June, 1899. In February, 1890, he was brevetted first lieutenant for callenge territory.

A STEADY INCOME

tenant for gallant service in action against Indians at Bear Paw Mountain, Mont., Sep-tember 30, 1877.

The District Should Be Getting Fifty Dollars Per Day.

City and Suburban Line Has Not Completed a Road in the Time Allowed.

The District is earning money just now at the rate of \$50 a day, without paying out deal is under way to merge the Texas Paanything more tangible in return than patience with an antiquated street railway service along one of the routes. This is for horse power on the city portions of its higher prices for all of them predicated, system by the 27th of June, as required by law. Counting today fifteen days have now passed since that time, and thus the com-pany stands indebted to the District to date in the sum of \$750, and still the \$50 install-ments continue in the absence of electrical cars on New York avenue.

Much interest is being taken by the citi-zens in this case, because of their desire to know whether the Commissioners will enforce the penalty which is so plainly in-curred by the company. Naturally no steps can be taken to this end until the transaction is completed, or until patience ob-viously ceases to be virtuous. Thus the time is not at hand to expect official action

toward the collection of the penalty.

Meanwhile that portion of the New York avenue line lying between the boundary and North Capitol street, a little more than one block, is on a horse-car basis, while that portion of the same branch from North Capitol street and New York avenue the Capitol street and New York avenue to the Pennsylvania avenue station, a distance of over a mile, is not operated at all. There is no service whatever on New York avenue west of North Capitol street, and thus the statute is in violation in two particulars, and the company is incurring the risk of running foul of the abandoned tracks act as to a most important section of its system. The delay is caused by the failure of the company to secure the completion of the Eckington loop in time to permit the city portion to be operated according to the law. The loop itself and that portion of the un-derground service outside of the city need not be finished and in operation before September 3, but as the tracks are now arranged the loop is necessary for the operation of the city portion, as there is no cross-over at the head of New York avenue, where the tracks leave the city limits. The underground work is practically finished, and but little remains but the last finishing touches of the electrical installation, the

connecting up from ducts to conduit and the final adjustment of the tracks.

There is, however, a serious hiatus in these few details. The lack of a few dozen insulators is said to cause all the trouble. Just when they will be obtained no one occinected with the enterprise seems able or willing to tell, and meanwhile the tracks recently laid in Eckington and those laid long ago on New York avenue and 5th street lie idle, while decrepit horses pull a few rickety cars between the North Capital street electric line at New York avenue and the suburban trolley line at 3d and T streets, on a ten-minute schedule. connecting link in the rapid-transit chain causes much trouble, and at times a seri-ous congestion at the junction points, while the traffic is unevenly distributed in quence of the infrequency of the horse

Gas Company to Pay More Money. The Washington Gas Light Company has been informed by the Commissioners that an additional deposit of \$1,500 would be required on account of the work of laying gas mains along the line of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railway Company on 11th street, from T to E streets northwest. The original estimate for this work has been found insufficient because of the facts been found insufficient because of the facts that in the execution of the work the cuts have uniformly exceeded in width and depth that upon which the estimate was based. The repaving of granite block on 11th street has also been more costly than contemplated by reason of the great difficulty in removing the tar which was found adhering to the blocks.

Railroad Damage Suit.

Arguments by counsel to the jury were n progress today in the case of George W. Offutt against the Capital Traction Company, to recover damages in the sum of \$50,000. The case has been on hearing be-fore Justice Hagner, in Circuit Court No. 2, since the 14th of last month. It will be given to the jury tomorrow.

Washington Stock Exchange.

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Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Capital Traction, 7 at 96, 20 at 95%, 20 at 55%, 25 at 53%, 25 at 13%, 100 at 13%, 1

bid. Columbia Title, 5% bid. District Title, 2% bid. 3 asked.

Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction Company, 95% bid, 95% asked. City and Suburban, 42% bid, 44 asked. Georgetown and Tennallytown, 18 hid. Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas, 53% bid, 53% asked. Georgetown Gas, 55 bid. Telephone Stocks.—Chesapeake and Potomac, 75 bid, 79 asked. Pennsylvania, 42 bid.

Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linotype, 26% bid, 17% asked. American Graphophone, 13% bid, 14% asked. American Graphophone, pfd., 13% bid, 14% asked. American Graphophone, pfd., 13% bid, 13% asked. Pneumatic Gum Carriage, 22 bid, .23 asked. Washington Market, 13 bid. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 110 bid. Idneoln Hall. 70 asked.

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SUGAR INTERESTS CONGENIAL

special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, July 12 .- London cables re-

port foreign markets still flat on the unsatisfactory Transvaal affair and prospect of an advance in the Bank of England rate tomorrow. Americans are, however, an exception to this, ruling firm and fractionally higher under lead of Louisville and Nashville and the Pacifics. Louisville and Nashville is the strong feature here today. It is selling equal to 71% bid, New York price. The buying is of very best description. The Morgan factions are in the market for Americans, indicating that a bull movement of considerable proportions will soon be under way. Consols are down 5-16 on prospects of tighter money and not war Sentiment is more in favor of the market

on the belief that next Saturday's bank statement will show a material increase in surplus, and money will work easier next week. The bull speculation in the Gould stocks is predicated on a bellef that a big cific and Wabash, St. Louis and Southwestern and Missouri Pacific in one system. It is believed that the Goulds and the result of the fasture of the City and Mr. Connor have been buying all these Suburban company to substitute electricity stocks lately, particularly the latter, and especially Missouri Pacific, which, it is said, will sell back to 50 on this movement Missouri Pacific earnings for first week of July show an increase of \$23,000.

The weekly government crop report is considered as favorable on both winter and spring wheat, as well as corn, which is reported to have made rapid growth. The winter wheat harvest is nearly finished, except in the extreme northerly sections, particularly in Wisconsin and Michigan, where it is delayed by rains. A new bull pool is behind the advance in

Sugar. There has been no disturbance in the rates of refined and raws, and it is stated that an agreement has been made by the outsiders and the trust to continue this, as it permits both interests to make a fair profit. This is believed to indicate a better feeling and as foreshadowing prob-ably an early settlement of the war. Keene brokers were buyers this morning and there was again good speculative west-ern buying. Money was in good supply at 5 per cent at the start, and it is not likely

to be a factor on the bear side any longer. News of another deal came out this morning, the Big Four taking control of the Lake Erie and Western, but it is a secret deal and particulars cannot be obtained. deal and particulars cannot be obtained.

Mr. A. S. Adler says; "I have trustworthy information that dividend on Federal Steel common will be paid on the 20th instant through arrangements made at a prominent banking house to advance money to stockholders of record." Banking houses will take receipts therefor and will be reimburged by the Federal Steel

Company at end of the year in case the injunction is continued. This shows the managers are in good faith in trying to distribute to common stockholders money which is due them. Southern rallway earnings for the first week in July show an increase of \$43,727 over last year. Louisville and Nashville, first week in July, earning increased \$68,570 over last year. The buying of Brooklyn Rapid Transit today is very good and it looks as if the stock will sell higher. The

buying also in Missouri Pacific, Texas Pacific, Wabash and St. Louis and South

western still continues good. The market closed dull, with a strong un-dertone. The London market for Americans closed steady in the face of heaviness in the other markets. Paris also closed heavy. Consols, however, closed a shade higher for money and account.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL New York Stock Market.

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American Tobacco. 973
Atchison. 903
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Atchison Adjustments. 853
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Brooklyn Rapid Transit. 1153
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Central Pacino 623 Am. Steel and Wire pfd. 159 Central Pacino Central Pacino
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Corn-Sept	33%	3414	33%	3
Dec	33	3314	33	3
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Dec	20%	21	20%	2
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Pork-Sept	9.00	9.32	8.97	9
Lard-Sept	5.42	5.50	5.42	5
Rios-Sept	5.17	5.27	5.17	5
NEW YORK, July 12.	-Cotton			
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